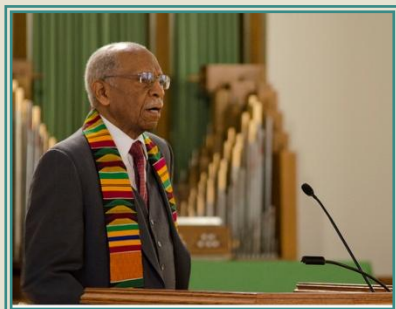




Keynote Speaker



Picture by Nazareth College

Dr. David Anderson



Mission

The American Association of University Women advances equity women for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through education and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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Black Heritage

Branch Luncheon: Saturday, February 16, 2013

As we cruise into the month of February 2013, our nation prepares to remember accomplishments and events in the history of the African-American people with Black History Month. In 1926 African-American scholar, Carter G. Woodson, was convinced that the role of his own people in American history and in the history of other cultures was being ignored or misrepresented among scholars. Woodson created the holiday with the hope that it would eventually be eliminated when black history became fundamental to American history. In 1976 President Gerald Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity [Black History Month] to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

At our February branch program on Saturday, February 16th, we will do our part to further this important work with a special presentation by Dr. David A. Anderson/Sankofa. Dr. Anderson is a founding member of Black Storytelling League and of Akwaaba: the Heritage Associates. He has shared African-American lore in workshops and performances throughout the country and around the world. Through living history interpretive performance, he underscores *Afro-Rochester* as a significant continuous noble presence from 1817 to date. He is chairman of the Rochester-Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission and Community Scholar-in-Residence at Nazareth College right here in Rochester. He has also taught African-American Studies at Rochester area colleges. In 1975 David A. Anderson earned a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Union Institute, Cincinnati.

Dr. Anderson plans a presentation that provides vignettes of people who settled in Rochester in the pre-Civil War era, and whose decisions to settle contributed to the building of community. He will focus on a 20th century issue and the pro-active way a cadre of youth responded to that issue. He will reflect on the challenges we face today in growing exemplars of the values expressed by the pioneers.

Jean Arrowsmith, Program VP

Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. Social
- 12:00 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation & Dialogue

Menu: Eggplant parmesan and minestrone soup and cookies.

Cost: \$ 15

Reservations: Call Felice at 585.244.8890 by
Wednesday, February 13 by 3:00 p.m.

Unequal Pay Is a Form Of Gender Discrimination

- Women working 41 to 44 hours per week earn 84.6% of what men earn working comparable hours.
- African-American women earn only 72 cents for every dollar men earn.
- Latinas 60 cents for every dollar that men earn.
- Women who work more than 60 hours per week earn only 78.3% of what men do who work the same long hours.
- Even in job categories that are predominantly occupied by women (i.e. childcare), women still only make about 95% of men's wages for performing the same jobs.

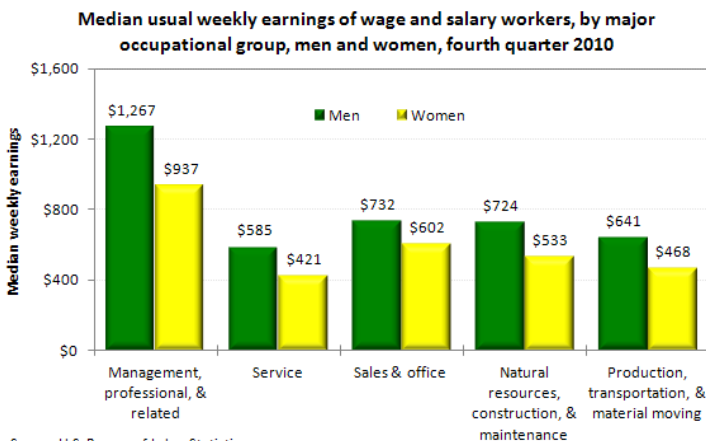
Women Work Longer To Get Promoted

According to UrbanMinistry.org, "women may work longer to receive the promotions that provide access to higher pay. For example, among school principals, women have an average of 3 years longer as teachers than men do."¹

AAUW Update on Equal Pay

It is never too early to start preparing for Equal Pay Day, scheduled for April 9, 2013. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day where women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the year before. It takes almost three extra months each year, thanks to the wage gap. This year's Equal Pay Day will be especially important, as 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (originally passed in 1963). As usual, AAUW will host special events and distribute resources to help celebrate the progress made and promote what still needs to be done to ensure women receive equal pay for equal work.

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¹<http://womeninbusiness.about.com/od/gender-inequality-issues>

Racial and ethnic inequalities in our community

The year 2013 is going to be a landmark year for diversity. Between January 19 and April 28 the Rochester Museum and Science Center will host a traveling exhibit entitled ***RACE: Are We So Different?*** The exhibit will explore the concept of race and its power in the lived experience of humans through three themes: the everyday experience of race, the contemporary science that is challenging common ideas about race, and the history of this idea in the United States.

Because the experience of race is profoundly personal yet has critical implications for discrimination and prejudice in our society, it is a very difficult and complex topic to discuss. If science confirms that we are "not so different," how can we explain the racial and ethnic inequalities in our community? ACT Rochester has documented profound differences in poverty, infant mortality, student performance, educational attainment, housing, income and health.

Rochesterians have a unique opportunity to connect the exhibit with our community through the Rochester Racial Equity Initiative entitled ***Facing Race, Embracing Equity***. This local effort is designed with the intention of promoting awareness about racial issues in Rochester and fostering meaningful conversations about ways in which we can substantially improve our understanding of race. These dialogues will hopefully identify ways to alleviate structural inequity and to reduce disparities that exist in our community. The Rochester Area Community Foundation has provided \$200,000 to fund this initiative in collaboration with a wide range of community partners. A complete calendar of events is available at www.faceraceroc.org. The initiative will include community forums, cultural celebrations, films, lectures and related events.

Doris M. Meadows

2013 AAUW State Convention

April 26-28

High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

Deadline: April 5, 2013

Mail to: AAUW Convention Registration,

Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker, Orchard Park, NY, 14127

Phone: 716/662-0608

Email: betty.preble@gmail.com

Special registration package available to AAUW student members

Please use ONLINE REGISTRATION at <http://aauw-nys.org>

Embracing difference, Encouraging Diversity

Heide Parreño, a member of Greater Rochester Area Branch, has accepted the position of Chairman of an AAUW NYS Diversity Committee. Heide is looking for volunteers to be on the NYS team. Previously, Heide formed a team of "Women of Wisdom" for her branch to explore what diversity is and how to make it a value that is imbedded in the structure of AAUW.

If you are interested in joining our state team, please contact her at orostar@aol.com or call 585-256-7372 or 585-414-6312.

By Mary Lou Davis, AAUW-NYS President

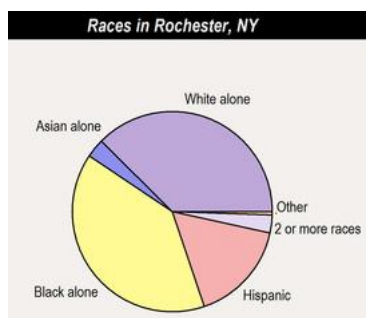
Conversing on Diversity: An Exchange of New Ideas, New Language and New Consciousness



February is a month of celebration for many cultures. The New Year for Chinese and others of Asian heritage starts February 10, the Year of the Snake. In the Chinese horoscope the snake is a water symbol, a female (yin) element.

However it has a fire element so it is not one single perspective but allows for other ways of seeing. 2013 is the year of the water snake whose color is black. This color gives us a connection to another cultural celebration in February, black heritage month, which starts a significant conversation on race here in Rochester. We hope you will join us on Saturday March 2 for a visit to St. Joseph neighborhood Health Center and House of Mercy homeless and advocacy center.

Heide Parreño, Diversity Chair
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<http://www.city-data.com/city/Rochester-New-York.html>

International Community Conversations on Democracy sponsored by the NYS Council for Humanities



The International group met on January 14, to talk about *Creative Democracy* by John Dewey. It served as a jumping off point for conversation about different interpretations of democracy. The group discussed what it looks like and acts like in different countries, including Europe, the Caribbean, the Philippines and North America.

The role of capitalism and its influence on democracy was explored along with a more socialistic flavor in several European countries. Participants gave their opinions of the state of democracy in the USA, and what is the image of the USA in the world. Participants remembered and shared personal memories of voting, the citizenship process for some of them, and the reasons they vote. The atmosphere supported participants sharing their opinions and asking questions.

We look forward to our next meeting on February 21 for a discussion of intercultural communication.

Mary Champagne Myers
Adjunct Professor at RIT

International Women's Day - March 8

If you hear the dogs, keep going.

If you see the torches in the woods, keep going.

If there's shouting after you, keep going.

Don't ever stop. Keep going.

If you want a taste of freedom, keep going.

Harriet Tubman

This year's theme "Keep Going" commemorates the 100th memorial anniversary of Harriet Tubman whose words have been promoted and exemplified by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

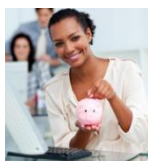
Local awards are to be presented in each of the following categories: AAUW Member, Community Leadership, International Ambassador and Women Helping Girls' Emerging Leader. The projects highlighted for support this year include the English as a Second Language Program & Library for Mary's Place Refugee Outreach in Rochester and the Women's Health Initiative of the Lathan Mission Foundation Clinic in Haiti.

The evening festivities will be held at the Perkins Mansion on March 8. The requested admission donation for Students/Youth is \$10.00 and Adults/Non-Students \$15.00.

Amanda Jackson-Jacobs ~ amanda.jacksonjacobs@gmail.com
Alicia Ward ~ award_1civic@yahoo.com

Monday, February 14 – WHW Workshop - Money Management: A Woman's Perspective

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Come to this helpful workshop to better understand why money management is different and often more difficult for women. We will discuss the critical factors to managing money successfully like repaying debt, accumulating a cash reserve, preparing for the unexpected with insurance, how to invest wisely, minimizing taxes, saving for college funding and retirement planning. Jean Arrowsmith, Financial Advisor, will lead our discussion. Please contact Jean by February 10th if you plan to attend.

Jean Arrowsmith, Program V.P.

585.278.3964 – jnarrowsmith@msn.com

Thursday, February 21 – International Community Conversations – Intercultural Communication

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. - Refreshments will be served.



Please join us for a wonderful conversation about the understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Women from Haiti, France, Iran, Mexico, Ukraine, U.S, Philippines and more will come together to talk about their communication experiences with other cultures.

Ana DeTomaso

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Saturday, February 23 – Comedy “the Book Club Play” - Time: 2:00 p.m.



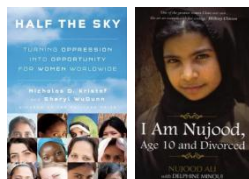
Geva Theatre in partnership with GRAB & Fairport AAUW are giving the opportunity to attend the comedy at \$29. This is for the Saturday matinee, on that day and this price is under the category of “today pass.” If you are a regular subscriber to Geva Theatre and you have already selected the play, you should get in touch with me for additional instructions. It is part of the regular series for this performance year. The **firm deadline** for your paid reservation is **February 7, 2013**. Please contact me at the email or phone listed below. At this point do not contact Geva directly as there will be a specific process and code to follow and specific staff member is my contact. Thanks for your interest.

Eileen Hartmann, AAUW NYS Immediate Past President

585.586.4876 or 585.704.4876 ~eshartmann5@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 27 – Tea and Titles: *Half the Sky* & *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*

Time: 2.00 p.m.



Joy Kinz will lead the discussion of two (shorter) books that deal with the theme of the suppression of women and girls in the world. These books are *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and *I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*. Do come and participate, joining us for refreshments and active discussion.

Maureen May - maureensmay@yahoo.com

Joy Kinz - cjkinz@rochester.rr.com

Thursday, February 28 – WHW – Community Conversations: Advance Care Planning

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



“Just in case something happens, let’s make sure everyone knows what I want!”

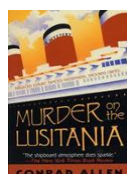
The laws giving us the right to make health care decisions only work if all patients and potential patients (that means all of us) have put in writing who is best qualified to decide their medical care. Ask yourself these questions: Do you have a health care proxy? Have you share your values and health care goals with your proxy? Please join this community conversation lead by club member Régine Calvar. Please confirm your attendance by February 26. \$5 contribution suggested.

Régine Calvar, Communications Director

585-957-2376 – rnacalvar@gmail.com

Thursday, March 14 – Mystery Book Club

Time: 4:00p.m



Mystery Book Clubbers will be trans-Atlantic reading the Conrad Allen (Keith Miles) series on the great ocean liners - *Murder on the Lusitania*, *Mauritania*, *Minnesota*... for a total of 8 ships. In the early 1900s, George Porter Dillman and Genevieve Masfield keep order for Cunard, the White Star Line, and other companies sailing the great liners. Class distinctions abound while thieves and murderers endanger the titled and steerage alike. We'll dock to discuss at the House.

Lynne Mitchell

lmitchell@frontier.net

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	29 10-2:30 Retired Bridge Cancelled	30 1:30 a.m. House Meeting	31 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	1 10-3:00 p.m. Bridge A	2
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10	11 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	12 10:30-3-LR, Lib-Crazy 8's	13	14 5:30-7:00 p.m. Workshop on Money Management	15	16 11:30 a.m. Branch Meeting Luncheon
17	18 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	19 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting	20	21 12:00-1:30 p.m. Community Conversations: Intercultural Communication	22 12:30 p.m. Table Talk	23 2:00 p.m. "The Book Club Play" Geva Theater
24	25 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	26	27 10:30-3:00 p.m. <u>Bridge B</u> 2:00 p.m. Tea and Titles	28 5:30-7:00 p.m. Advance Care Planning.	1	2



The Knit Group will NOT meet in February.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 8 at ten o'clock. Please bring any hats that you have completed with you. Coffee and cookies will be served as usual.

Bowling

Mary Louise Riter - 381.4368

We meet every Monday at 9:15a.m. at Clover Lanes. Please call me if you are interested.

Bridge

- **Retired Teachers Bridge**
Carol Achilles, 585.421.0876
Meets the First Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **Duplicate Bridge A**
Meets the First Friday at 10:00 a.m.
- **Duplicate Bridge B**
Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00
*** Bridge leaders: Please call our head caretaker **Blake Kowalski** at 489-2539 the night before to give him your set up numbers.

History & Archives

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Beverly Vaughan - 585.383.0896
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Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell- 381-7145
Bimonthly meetings

Night Out At the House

Rachel Adonis - 585.654.5259
Nancy Kleintop - 585.461.5508
Bi-monthly social evening for members and guests.

Poker

Marilyn Tedeschi - 585.414.4979

Tea and Titles

Maureen May
maureensmay@yahoo.com
Joy Kinz - cjkinz@rochester.rr.com



*We mourn the loss of
longtime member who
recently passed away.*

*Jane Ladd Gilman
01/06/13*

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**The deadline for the
March Newsletter is
February 15, 2012**
Please email items to
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We welcome suggestions or
contributions to include in future
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mailing address above.

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Vision

GRAB AAUW Is a World Class Lifelong Learning, Teaching and Study Center for all generations of Women & Girls and seen as a key Community Resource and Driving Force for any and all Women's Issues in the Greater Rochester Area.

Diversity Statement

Diversity for GRAB AAUW is a mosaic of gems reflecting persons from different age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic, socio-economic, health and spiritual cultures including the culture of the Deaf, each with unique ideas and abilities.

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